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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Elizabeth Keyes,  
Office of Technology Assessment

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1. Ms. Keyes was briefed at 9:30 on Thursday, 14 November 1985 at the Ames Building. The briefers were: [redacted] DI/OGI; [redacted] DI/OIA; [redacted] S&T/ORD; and [redacted] Agency employee on loan to State/INM.

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2. On behalf of the Senate Appropriations Committee, OTA has been requested to do a study on the technologies employed in narcotics interdiction. Keyes asked CIA for a briefing specifically to talk about the analytical contributions of the intelligence community to the anti-narcotics effort.

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3. The briefers described the various mechanisms the Agency uses to arrive at crop estimates. It was noted that the mechanism used depends on the agreement between the United States and the particular country.

4. [redacted] described OIA's role in narcotics interdiction; also related how OIA does strategic research as well as responds to specific requirements.

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5. [redacted] described ORD's current research, [redacted] Insufficient funding was cited as a major factor in the U.S. Government's lack of success in combatting narcotics.

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6. The drug cycle was discussed as well as various countermeasures employed by narcotics producers. "Designer drugs" were noted. The narcotics-terrorist connection was discussed.

7. [redacted] recommended that Ms. Keyes talk to personnel in the Bureau of International Narcotics Matters at the State Department.

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8. [redacted] mentioned that OIA had produced some relevant publications on narcotics. The undersigned told Ms. Keyes she would obtain the pubs and hold them with her other material at CIA.

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